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Jails fury as 3,000 jobs axed

Governors fear rise in tensions

Alan Travis
Home Affairs Editor

AFRESH political crisis broke over the prison service yesterday after it was disclosed that nearly 3,000 jobs are to go to meet Treasury cuts in funding over the next three years.

The scale of job losses being sought in the 40,000 prisons workforce shocked prison governors and staff yesterday. Governors will be told later this week exactly how much they need to cut from their budgets.

Richard Tilt, acting Director-General, stressed yesterday in an interview on BBC Radio's *The World This Week* that the Prison Service had to find a way of implementing a Treasury-agreed reduction of 13.3 per cent. "It will be difficult," he said. "It is too soon to say what size of reduction is necessary to prevent a crisis, but we certainly expect some reduction to occur over the next three years."

A voluntary redundancy package with ex-gratia payments of around £5,000 is expected to be targeted at staff aged over 50.

Opposition politicians, prison governors and penal reformers all expressed fears yesterday that the job losses will increase tensions inside Britain's 136 prisons and lead to the erosion of regimes designed to prevent criminals re-offending at a time when the prison population is about to reach a record 53,000 and is rising at 100 a week.

John Marriott, the former Governor of Parkhurst, said on the same programme that he believed the job cuts were another example of a knee-jerk reaction to the problems the Prison Service was facing

have to make sure that we provide as much protection as possible for those parts of the regime that do help with rehabilitation." He said he had been discussing with unions since early December the likely effects. "We have to look at each establishment to see what the effects are and come to sensible conclusions."

Mr Tilt said he had specific extra money from the Treasury to meet the demands for extra accommodation through the rapid growth in the prison population.

But Jack Straw, the shadow home secretary, warned that the job losses would only add to the sense of crisis in the Prison Service. "John Major announced a 5,000 increase in the number of police officers last October. Now we find out that most of them will be paid for by cuts in the numbers of prison officers. It is an absurd way to go on. If all we are doing with convicted criminals is warehousing them, which is where all this will lead, then that will not prevent crime but simply encourage re-offending."

His anger was shared by Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat spokesman, who said he believed that part of the Home Secretary's agenda was to introduce far more private prisons. "Michael Howard now has a prison service with fewer staff guarding more and more prisoners. It is a suicide course."

The concerns of the politicians were echoed by prison governors and probation officers. Harry Fletcher of the National Association of Probation Officers warned that the overall effect would damage prison regimes. "Prisoners will spend longer in their cells with less to do. Many experienced staff will leave. Welfare and education work will be reduced and tension and serious incidents will rise to an unacceptable level."

Chris Scott, chairman of the Prison Governors' Association, warned that jails could not achieve both the "alarming" level of savings required and protect the public as they had done in the past.



Some of an estimated 10,000 volunteers who yesterday joined police for a six-hour search of countryside near Bristol for clues to the disappearance of Louise Smith, aged 18, last seen leaving a club in Yate, near Bristol, on Christmas Eve. Officers with tracker dogs led the hunt PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MORGAN

and cited the example of the need to rush 60 extra staff to Holloway Prison a fortnight ago as an example.

Internal prison service documents have shown that ministers are preparing to abandon some of the key objectives set by Lord Woolf after the Strangeways riots, and to cut the time spent out of cell by each inmate from 12 hours to eight. Three low-security prisons face closure, and 120 probation jobs and an unspecified number in prison education will be lost.

As the Guardian disclosed last month, Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons Minister, decided the cost reductions should go ahead in public sector jails after being told new private prisons in England were 15 to 25 per cent cheaper to run.

Mr Tilt, who has warned the Prison Service that regimes are likely to be affected, said yesterday that the priority had to be to maintain proper control and good order in prisons.

"The first thing I think is the safety of staff and prisoners, but clearly security is also an important consideration for us, after that I have said to governors that we

robbed her of a camera and £15 in cash.

Suapoo, who lived in a monastery in the western town of Kanchanaburi, had confessed to hitting Ms Masheder on the head and pushing her over the edge of a ravine, but denied sexual assault.

A local police officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Apichit Thianpermpool, said Suapoo was an amphetamine addict who used the stolen money to buy drugs, and had previously spent two years in jail for rape. He had joined the monastery eight months earlier, after his release.

Kanchanaburi is a tourist destination close to the railway built by Allied prisoners during the second world war.

Forensic tests suggested Ms Masheder had been dead for several weeks. The motorbike she had rented lay in tall grass nearby. Her body was sent to Bangkok for an autopsy.

A newly-qualified solicitor, Ms Masheder had been on the final stage of a backpacking holiday which took in Canada, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand, and was due to take up her first job with a London law firm early this year.

She last telephoned her family from the northern city of Chiang Mai on December 7 before heading south.

The discovery of Ms Masheder's body ends an intensive search by police and her father, who had combed

Thai monk admits killing Briton

Woman's murder highlights dangers of backpacker tourism

Wick Cunningham-Bruce in Bangkok and Owen Bowcott

ABUDDHIST monk confessed yesterday to murdering Johanne Masheder from Wincle, Cheshire, after police found her body hidden in a cave near a temple at one of Thailand's most popular tourist destinations.

The 23-year-old's decomposed remains had been identified earlier in the day by her father, Stuart, who had flown to Thailand with his wife, Jackie, to search for her. Ms Masheder had been missing since falling to catch a flight back to Britain on December 21 at the end of a four-month journey around the world.

She is the third Briton to have been found murdered abroad already this year — heightening concerns about the safety of backpacker tourism. In Thailand itself, the killing has focused attention on the less-than-savvy behaviour of some Buddhist monks.

Thai police yesterday charged Yodchat Suapoo, aged 21, with Ms Masheder's murder after he had admitted

parts of Asia were high-lighted last week when a man from Oxfordshire was found dead in Bangalore, southern India. However, according to Foreign Office figures, the most dangerous destinations for British tourists over the last five years have been the United States, South Africa and Spain.

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beach resorts putting up posters carrying her photograph. Although Buddhist monks live austere, celibate lives which prohibit them from killing any living thing and ban contact with women, there have been several scandals in February last year a prominent monk, Phra Yantra, was accused of seducing a nun and fathering a child by a Thai woman.

The dangers of travelling in



Johanne Masheder: dead for several weeks. Yodchat Suapoo: confessed to killing

Elite forces prepare for Chechen showdown

James Meek in Sovetskoye, Dagestan

RUSSIAN special forces made large-scale movements last night around the village of Pervomayskaya, where Chechen rebels are holding more than 100 hostages, and security chiefs flew to the spot to make a decision on whether to storm it.

General Mikhail Barsukov, head of the Federal Security Service (FSB), and General Anatoly Kulikov, the interior minister, arrived by helicopter after Moscow's 10am deadline for the rebel group led by Salman Raduyev to surrender unconditionally passed without incident.

Later, a Russian interior ministry official said: "A night will be allowed [to the Chechens] for thinking things over." But all the signs on the ground seemed to indicate that for Moscow — if not the Chechens — the moment of

decision was imminent. Last night, the local parliament in Dagestan was meeting in emergency session, and appealed to the Russians not to storm the village.

The Chechens, thought to number at least 150, have been holding more than 100 people hostage in the village since Wednesday.

The FSB spokesman, General Alexandr Mikhailov, said a decree by President Boris Yeltsin offering an amnesty to Chechen rebels who laid down their weapons would still apply to any separatists who surrendered — except Mr Raduyev himself.

"Raduyev has a lot of blood on his hands," Gen Mikhailov said.

Loudspeakers broadcasting to the rebels in the Chechen language reportedly laid down the same terms.

Gen Mikhailov said that Gen Barsukov would not be making direct contact with the rebels. As the former head of

Exiled Saudi dissidents seek television licence

Seumas Milne

THE Government faces fresh embarrassment over the Saudi opposition leader, Mohammed al-Mas'ari, as it emerged that his supporters are to apply today for a television licence to broadcast anti-regime polemics into Saudi Arabia.

The Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, the dissident group led by Mr al-Mas'ari, is also understood to have taken delivery of radio transmitter equipment last week and to be ready to begin broadcasts from London in the next couple of

weeks. Sa'ad Fagih, CDLR secretary, said last night that a company belonging to the organisation would today apply to the Independent Television Commission through its lawyer for a television licence.

He said the dissidents hoped to broadcast for up to two hours a day to the 800,000 Saudi homes which have satellite dishes.

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, ordered the deportation of Mr Mas'ari to the Caribbean island of Dominica earlier this month after pressure from the Saudi government and British exporters to the kingdom. The Saudi

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Pop stars set bandwagon rolling • New group used as weapon against PR • Confusion over Labour leader's big idea



Bill Clinton on saxophone at a 1992 rally. The votes campaign originated in the US

Rocking the young into vote awareness

Alex Bellos on a large-scale music industry initiative

POP bands, record companies and nightclubs are supporting a high-profile drive to get more young people to vote, in a campaign which will potentially be a big electoral gift to the Labour Party. Rock the Vote aims to copy the US campaign of the same name, which registered 350,000 new voters for the 1992 election and helped reverse a 20-year trend of declining political participation among 18 to 24-year-olds. Rock the Vote UK will enlist the help of pop stars to promote awareness of politics and aims to culminate in a Band Aid-style concert in the run-up to the next election. Blur's lead singer, Damon Albarn, is the biggest name so far to pledge support. Adverts in youth magazines and on television will encourage young people to register and then use their vote. They will try to combat a disillusionment with British politics which resulted in 40 per cent of 18 to 25-year-olds not voting at the last election — either because of non-registration or apathy — compared with about 22 per cent of the population as a whole. "There is a sense in which young people are not as involved in the political process as they should be. Getting

them to register to vote and use that vote is a basic democratic right. Anything that makes them do that is worth having a stab at," said John Preston, chairman of BMG records, who is on the Rock the Vote board. He is aware that the campaign needs to attract politically active young people who have chosen to abandon the established two-party system and concentrate on "single issues" such as the environment and civil or animal rights. Mr Preston said: "Single issue politics may be more exciting and more emotional but in terms of getting to grips with how the country is run, that is exercised through your vote." To be launched the day before the televised Brit awards ceremony next month, Rock the Vote's first PR stunt is to get the winning acts to mention the campaign as they accept their prizes. BMG is the first major record company to back the campaign, although several others are expected to join. Ministry of Sound, one of the country's "superclubs", is organising its own campaign under the umbrella of Rock the Vote, which has already raised £50,000. The London club is printing 300,000 flyers

telling people how to register to vote and will chase up non-registered people on its 30,000 name-strong database. Rock the Vote will be urging record companies to put stickers on all CDs and urging retailers to have in-store promotions. Pop stars will be urged to talk about it when on tour. "The bandwagon will start rolling very soon and hopefully it will grow and grow as people realise it is a very important thing to support," said board member Charles Stewart-Smith, director of PR firm Luther Pendragon. The campaign has the endorsement of all three largest political parties, as none can be seen to discourage political participation, and a Conservative, the former MP Matthew Parris, is on the board. But Labour is likely to be the main beneficiary: polls consistently show young people are more likely to sympathise with the left, and pop stars, if political, have traditionally leaned that way. Mr Stewart-Smith said: "The music industry has no interest in being seen as partisan and loathed by Conservatives. We know we cannot stop pop stars using us as a platform to espouse their political views, but by asking and getting the support of all parties we have acted responsibly in not taking sides. "According to polls, 25 per cent of young people have not decided who to vote for. The idea is to raise the profile of young people. It will then be up to the parties to decide how they make use of that profile by having policies that win them over." In the US, Rock the Vote was founded in 1990 by members of the music industry as an action group against the threat of Republican-backed censorship of contentious lyrics. It quickly grew into a registration drive and has subsequently become a more general public education campaign, enlisting the help of stars such as REM, Lenny



Blur's lead singer, Damon Albarn, who has pledged support. PHOTOGRAPH: ALEX MACNAUGHTON

Blair woos industry on stakeholding

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

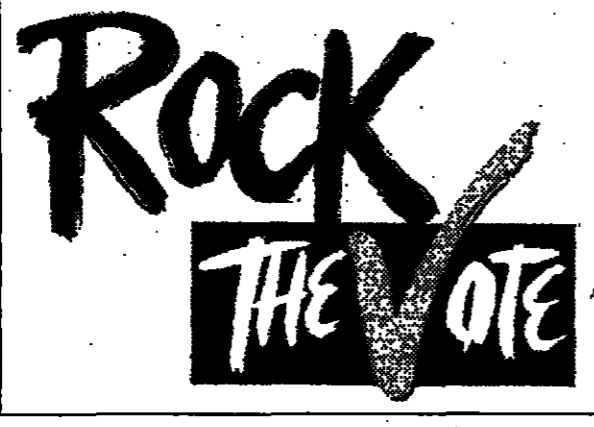
LABOUR leader Tony Blair yesterday sought to allay business fears that his plans for a stakeholder economy implied a raft of new corporatist legislation, including granting new rights to employees or imposing onerous new duties on shareholders. Under pressure from Conservative Party chairman Brian Mawhinney to spell out the policy implications of stakeholding for companies, Mr Blair confused some on the left by promising his big idea did not require new laws. But it emerged yesterday that two Internal Labour working parties — one on corporate taxation chaired by the shadow chief secretary Andrew Smith and another on corporate governance chaired by the shadow industry secretary, Margaret Beckett — are close to completing detailed plans designed to broaden corporate responsibility, some of which have legislative implications. The groups have been looking at offering tax breaks for pension funds that maintain investment in companies long-term, and tax incentives for companies favouring investment over dividends. The study groups are also looking at a greater role for non-executive directors, restrictions on takeover bids, boardroom seats for company suppliers, greater employee share ownership and possibly requiring institutional investors to vote at annual shareholder meetings. The overall aim, front bench sources insisted yesterday, was to encourage a cultural shift away from short-termism, rather than to impose new regulations. Speaking on BBC TV's Frost programme, Mr Blair insisted that the slogan stakeholder economy in itself did not signal a radical new policy departure for Labour, but instead an attempt to provide a unifying theme for his form of one nation socialism. He also gave his strongest hints yet he did not intend to raise the top rate of tax or let Britain join a single currency without a referendum. However, it was Mr Blair's attempt to play down the im-

lications of a stakeholding economy for British business which drew the most derisory riposte from Mr Mawhinney. "It was the greatest example of inadequate memory that I've seen from a senior politician in a long time," he told LWT's Crosstalk programme. Labour, he said, was committed to introducing new burdens on industry such as the minimum wage, European social chapter, a right to union recognition after a workforce ballot, and a right to strike with legal protection from unfair dismissal. Mr Blair insisted: "A stakeholder economy is not about giving power to unions or women's co-operatives or any of the rest of the rubbish that the Conservatives have been saying this week. A stakeholder economy is about empowering people and saying that people have got to be given a stake in the country's economic future. You cannot

"You cannot move this country on unless all get the chance to benefit in the wealth created"

move this country on economically and socially unless all its citizens are getting the chance to benefit in the wealth that is being created." Mr Blair said the Conservative Party was disintegrating and unable to choose whether it was a Thatcherite or one nation party. With reports that Lady Thatcher plans further set-piece speeches, there was renewed speculation John Major might face a leadership crisis in the wake of likely disastrous local government election results in May. In a possibly ominous sign for Mr Major, the Conservative backbench 1992 executive committee has shelved one-time plans to ban leadership challenges to an incumbent Prime Minister. But Mr Mawhinney insisted it was not real politics to pretend there would be a leadership challenge in November.

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Campaign aims to raise young people's awareness

Scargill party set for byelection

Seumas Milne and Patrick Wintour on warnings sparked by the miners' leader's breakaway



Arthur Scargill: 'Blair has embraced capitalist devil'

ARTHUR Scargill's fledgling Socialist Labour Party is set to run a candidate in next month's Hemsworth byelection. It emerged last night. Meanwhile, Labour opponents of proportional representation warned Tony Blair that electoral reform could throw the new organisation a lifeline. The Labour leader dismissed the challenge from the country's best-known trade unionist but promised he did not intend to drive the left from the Labour Party. Discussing Mr Scargill's move, Mr Blair said on the BBC's Breakfast with Frost programme that it was about "two different visions". "One is of old-style state control, nationalisation, collective power of the old sort, whereas my view is that the Labour Party is grouped around a set of values." That was "why New Labour was born". The miners' president in turn accused Mr Blair of em-

bracing the "devil" of capitalism and the free market, and doing more to destroy socialism than Lady Thatcher. He said it was incomprehensible that socialists should want to stay with New Labour. Labour officials, who have been closely monitoring Mr Scargill's plans, are confident there will be no heavyweight party or union defections. Mr Blair cited the miners' leader's departure as proof that "Labour has changed in opposition and will remain changed in government". Labour MPs opposed to

electoral reform seized on the new party as a weapon in their battle against growing support for proportional representation — the party is currently committed to a referendum — saying it could allow Mr Scargill on to the national stage and undermine a future Labour government. Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central and a shadow defence minister, said yesterday that proportional representation led to fragmentation and support for extremist parties, and his PR-supporting colleagues would do well to bear that in mind when considering the prospects of Arthur Scargill. "The first test for Socialist Labour is now likely to take place before its proper launch in the Hemsworth byelection on February 1, in a traditional mining constituency, where the National Union of Mineworkers' nominee has been banned from standing as Labour candidate for the second time in four years. A spokesman for the SLP founding group said last night it was now "odds-on" that it would field a candidate. Membership cards are already being issued and a conference to discuss policy will be held on March 2 after a programme of public meetings. The formal launch will be on

May Day, followed by a founding congress on May 11. The party is not expected to attract the backing of any Labour MPs or union general secretaries. But several Labour councillors have applied to join, as have half a dozen members of the Rail Maritime and Transport union executive, and its assistant general secretary. Activists from the building workers' union Uclaf, the white-collar MSF union, the public service union Unison, and the Transport and General Workers' Union were also represented at Saturday's meeting. Mr Scargill has set a target of 5,000 members within 18 months, aiming to make a particular pitch to young single-issue activists as well as the disaffected in the labour movement. The most savage criticism of Mr Scargill yesterday came from Ken Livingstone, the leftwing MP, who accused the miners' leader of "opting out of the struggle over the future direction of a Labour government. Arthur does not have a single Labour MP — just a small group of supporters, and quite frankly quite a small group of nutters in many cases."

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Barristers in court over race claim

Clare Dyer
Legal Correspondent

A BLACK barrister has launched an unprecedented legal action accusing her senior clerk and some of the other barristers in her chambers of race discrimination and victimisation.

Joy Okoye, aged 39, whose case is supported by the Commission for Racial Equality, claims Brian Mountain, senior clerk at Staple Inn Chambers, central London, caved in to a solicitor's request for a barrister with a "less African sounding" name.

The solicitors' firm had asked for a family law specialist with at least 10 years' experience. Ms Okoye, who qualified 14 years ago, claims she was initially suggested because she was the only barrister in chambers who met the criteria.

But she alleges the work was passed to a junior colleague after the firm's senior partner rang the following day and "unequivocally stated" that she could not be used because of her name.

The case is to be heard at Central London county court on a date yet to be fixed.

There is a widespread feeling among the black Bar that clerks, who play a key role in allocating work, fail to put them forward and promote their careers.

Ms Okoye, whose lawsuit is revealed in this week's issue of *The Lawyer*, accuses Mr Mountain in her summons of obstructing her in various ways and "failing to promote and nurture her practice".

She claims that the clerk and colleagues refused to cooperate in reporting the law firm to the Solicitors Com-

plaints Bureau, and that her colleagues humiliated her and tried to oust her from chambers.

Ms Okoye and the chambers have been ordered by a High Court judge to go to arbitration over colleagues' alleged attempt to force her out. The arbitration has been set for next March.

After an altercation last August between Ms Okoye and some of her colleagues, a High Court judge ordered both sides not to "assault, molest, or otherwise interfere" with each other.

Neither Ms Okoye nor the chambers would comment on the case.

The Bar's law school, which consistently fails a higher proportion of black than white students, is to mount a three-year programme to avoid a formal investigation by the Commission for Racial Equality.

The CRE threatened an investigation after results from the Inns of Court School of Law for 1991/92 showed that 45 per cent of blacks failed, compared with only 16 per cent of whites.

In 1994 the school's own independent inquiry found no evidence of discrimination but said black students suffered from "a collapse of confidence" and felt "isolated, inadequate and socially and financially handicapped".

The disparity in exam results has since narrowed. Last year 25 per cent of blacks failed, compared with 10 per cent of whites.

Under a 14-point agreement with the CRE, published today, the Council of Legal Education, which runs the school, will carry out further research and the school agreed to meet CRE officials every six months to appraise progress.



Ranger Trevor Appleton at work shoring up the coastline at Bantham Beach. The South Devon Heritage Coast Service has appealed to families to bring their old Christmas trees to the seaside to help stem the erosion caused by winter storms and summer visitors

Branson heads for Morocco lift-off

Owen Bowcott

THE Virgin tycoon Richard Branson flies to Morocco tomorrow to launch his attempt on one of the last unclaimed aviation records: non-stop circumnavigation of the globe by balloon.

With the veteran Swedish balloonist Per Lindstrand and Rory McCarthy, Mr Branson plans to take off from Marrakesh on Wednesday on a flight of up to 18 days that will carry them over three oceans and about 90 countries.

Riding the high-altitude jetstreams from west to east at up to 250 mph, their 174ft high Virgin Global Challenger balloon with pressurised and heated cabin is expected to ascend more than seven miles.

Mr Branson, who has crossed the Atlantic and Pacific by balloon with Mr Lindstrand, is understood to have rewritten his will

for his latest record-breaking bid. His company has insured his life for £31.5 million.

At the end of their transatlantic flight in 1987, the two nearly drowned when their balloon ditched in the sea off Ireland.

The only way the balloonists can influence their course is by ascending or descending into air currents flowing in different directions. Branson's team will be guided by a meteorologist on the ground.

A rival for the round-the-world title, Dutch helicopter pilot Henk Brink, aged 52, has been waiting since November for the right conditions to launch his 200ft Unicef Flyer from Nijmegen in the Netherlands. He may launch as early as Thursday.

The American millionaire Steve Fossett was forced to give up his bid after two days last week when he was blown too far to the north.

MPs' inquiry to put lottery jackpots under scrutiny

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

THE National Lottery is to be the subject of a full-scale inquiry by the National Heritage select committee, its chairman Gerald Kaufman announced yesterday.

Mr Kaufman — known for running quick pertinent inquiries — made the decision after the spate of criticisms about the running of the lottery by its organiser, Camelot.

The lottery at the weekend again failed to find a big winner, ensuring another rollover and a top potential prize of £20 million. Last week the jackpot prize of £42 million was handed to three winners.

Churchmen, politicians and charities have called for a cap on prizes but Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has refused to respond, saying the large prizes are due to the lottery's popularity.

At the weekend the lottery came under further criticism when the Observer claimed

£100 million in prize money had not been distributed because Camelot had failed to meet payout targets set by the regulator, Oflot.

Mr Kaufman said last night: "We have decided to conduct an inquiry into the lottery but we have not decided on the scope or when it will take place."

However, the inquiry is bound to cover areas of greatest public concern — the size of the jackpot, the way the cash is shared among good causes, and Camelot's profits.

There has been criticism that too much good causes money has been concentrated on prestige arts projects in London at the expense of smaller projects in the regions. There is also concern that some ministers would like lottery income used for public spending, which the Government promised would not happen.

• Saturday's winning numbers were 31, 32, 42, 21, 39 and 34. The bonus number was 25. Twelve people matched five balls and the bonus ball to win £321,483 while 455 matched five to win £5,289.

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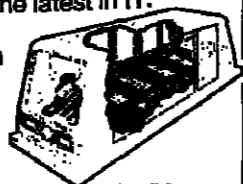
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Bleak houses... Chapeltown, a poor area of Leeds, and a woman in King's Cross, London. Inner cities will be Tear Fund's prime targets



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Christian charity begins work at home

Madeleine Bunting
Religious Affairs Editor

ONE of the main Christian overseas aid agencies is to use a third of its resources to tackle social integration in Britain. It believes poverty in some inner cities may be as bad as in the Third World.

human disaster is now swamping the social services". He said: "I have been appalled by the rise of a new poverty-stricken underclass, including homeless teenagers sleeping in cardboard boxes... Christians must do all we can to help a state which doesn't know what has hit it, to look after the victims."

The campaign will raise questions about how much proselytising will be included with the charity dispensed to some of the most vulnerable in the population. Sir Fred said some social problems — such as drug addiction and alcoholism — were better tackled by the Church than the state because it could offer a moral framework, but added that the purpose of UK Action was to help individuals, "not enrol them in a club".



Churchgoer Charles Allen learning his trade in Leeds PHOTOGRAPH: RICHARD HANSON/TEAR FUND

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 This usually leads to the presence of one of the two clinical forms of hepatitis, namely the acute and the chronic...
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News in brief

Abduction fear over girl, 5

POLICE issued a description last night of a man thought to have abducted a five-year-old girl from her bedroom shortly after midnight, leading her away dressed in pyjamas. A motorist gave them a lift in central Oldham at about 12.30am yesterday after stopping to ask if they needed help.

Road protesters replant trees

NEWBURY bypass protesters yesterday planted more than 100 new trees on a site cleared by contractors last week. A number of trees were felled on the Tot Hill site at the southern section of the proposed road last Wednesday and that area was replanted yesterday. Police and the Highways Agency said they were powerless to stop the planting.

Fumes suspected in deaths

A NEWLY wed couple found dead in their Cornish cottage at the weekend may have been overcome by fumes, detectives investigating the incident said yesterday. Police called to the terraced cottage at Frazar-on-Beeble, near Camborne, by neighbours on Saturday afternoon discovered the man in his late forties and woman in her mid thirties slumped in the front room.

Ancient Dyke for sale

A SLICE of the historic Offa's Dyke is being offered for sale as part of the disposal of British Coal land, it was announced yesterday. The 100-yard area of earthworks linked to the ancient Dyke, near the border between North Wales and England, is being sold as part of a huge package of land and properties.

Police to test CS sprays

BEAT officers are likely to be equipped with CS sprays following a meeting of senior police officers later this week. Trials of the devices are expected to be approved at a quarterly meeting of the Association of Chief Police Officers' chief constables' council in London on Thursday.

Church engineers hope for jobs after 'familiar story' of cuts

THE poet Auden's image of God as a "mild engineer" is the guiding spirit of a project which has won £5,000 from the Evangelical Alliance and Tear Fund's new joint campaign, writes Martin Watwright.

Meningitis serum runs out

POLICE yesterday appealed to worried parents to stay away from a hospital carrying out meningitis vaccinations after Britain ran out of vaccine.

Health scheme expands

PRIVATE health care company Bupa has taken the first step in recruiting doctors around the country for a controversial private GP service.

Curriculum chief condemns 'politically correct' teachers

YOUNG teachers worry so much about political correctness that they are unwilling to instill in children the difference between right and wrong, according to the Government's chief curriculum adviser.

Guardian stays ahead

THE Guardian averaged a sale of 383,325 copies a day in December. The Independent, which cut its price in response to Rupert Murdoch's pricing war, managed a sale of 282,565 — a 3.6 per cent drop on the previous month.

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It is impossible not to be fascinated if also appalled by the swaggering squash-fit figure of Kelvin MacKenzie. On first meeting he looks like a man who might take pleasure from inhaling his own farts.

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Papua rebels in Indonesia urge bishop to mediate

Hunger weakens kidnapped Britons

John Aglionby in Jakarta

HUNGER and ill-health are weakening the four British hostages kidnapped a week ago by separatist guerrillas in Irian Jaya, the Indonesian part of the island of New Guinea. Their captors have asked for a bishop and three priests to be flown into the jungle to negotiate their release.

The first reports of the victims came two days after Indonesian soldiers freed nine of the 24 captives seized last week in Irian Jaya. All were Irianese, from Mapunduma, a village in the Baliem Valley where the kidnapping took place last Monday.

Fifteen hostages are still being held, but no ransom has yet been asked by the Free Papua Movement (OPM), which has claimed responsibility.

Three Scotland Yard detectives have flown to Irian Jaya to help the two British diplomats already there. But the British embassy spokesman in Jakarta, John Virgoe, refused to detail their involvement.

Colonel Bar Hellberg, the defence attaché, has moved to Wamena, the nearest town to where the abductions took place.

One freed hostage, Yacobus Wandiba, told the Antara news agency by radio yesterday morning that the health of the 15 remaining hostages was deteriorating. He said they need food and medicine and have been split up to hinder detection by the hundreds of Indonesian soldiers searching for them.

For the first few days, he said, the hostages had been marched through thick jungle with their hands bound. They are being held in an area 9,000ft above sea level, where the temperature is only just above freezing.

In addition to the Britons — William Oates, Daniel Start, Annette van der Kolk and Ana McIvor — those held are the World Wide Fund for Nature researchers Frank Memberg and Mark van der Wal from Germany and the Netherlands, a Dutch worker of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), Martha Klein, and eight Indonesians.

Yesterday, an OPM spokesman said his organisation sought international attention for its cause. The OPM has campaigned for Irian independence since 1963, when Indonesia was ceded the province in a United Nations-sponsored process.

Kalilik Awalik, the rebel leader, has asked for the local Catholic Bishop Munninghoff and three priests to be flown to him to negotiate an end to the crisis. But an Indonesian military source said armed forces in the area, jointly led by President Suharto's son-in-law, Brigadier-General Prabowo Subianto, would not negotiate with the OPM because kidnapping was a criminal offence.

Graham Burton, Britain's ambassador to Indonesia, favours a peaceful settlement of the crisis. He said: "The essential thing is to negotiate them out slowly, with no resort to military methods."

The nine freed Indonesian hostages were found by soldiers in the village of Jiji, 25 miles east of Mapunduma where they were seized, according to the Indonesian military spokesman. Brigadier General Suwarno Adiwijoyo, other sources said they were found tied up, 9,500ft above sea level, after their captors had fled.

Brig Gen Suwarno said: "The first information we had said all 11 residents of Mapunduma village had been released, but later two others were unaccounted for."

Those freed are village officials, health workers and a primary school teacher. The remaining hostages were conducting scientific research in the Lorentz nature reserve.



Hammer and hutongs... Demolition men work in front of a new block in one of the vanishing areas of narrow lanes (below) and communal courtyards

Horizontal city loses its secret courtyard life

As booming Beijing reaches for the sky, its maze-like old quarters are being swept away, writes Rone Tempest

THE possessor of a Chinese courtyard, wrote the eccentric American scholar George Kateb in his memoirs of life in Beijing before the second world war, "possesses both by day and night a well of light, which the seasons endlessly fill with incalculable riches".

It was for this reason that Chairman Mao Zedong and the emerging workers' state brought concrete monoliths to the city, before its ancient walls were demolished to make way for a ringroad, before office towers and neon signs rose in celebration of the country's ardent embrace of market capitalism.

It was the age of the hutongs — mazes of narrow lanes and walled courtyard houses which gave Beijing its unique and human-scale character.

Today a huge urban renewal programme, spurred by escalating land prices that reach \$300 a square foot in central Beijing, the hutongs are disappearing almost as fast as bulldozers can reach them. Large swathes of old Beijing look like a war zone.

Wang Zonghai, aged 74, lived with his family for 50 years in the Ju'er hutong in north-central Beijing. Now his little house is the only one standing in the rubble of a courtyard which once housed 40 families. After selling the property to a developer, the government offered him a new flat four miles away on the outskirts.

"The facilities of the new flat are quite good," he said. "But we were accustomed to living here. The market was near and the transport was convenient. When I'm in the flat I look down and get dizzy."

At least two-thirds of the city's old residential areas have already been levelled or are awaiting their turn, a circled *chai* — the Chinese character signifying "to be demolished" — painted in white on their walls.

The residents have no title to their land, and therefore no choice about the zoning. Legal residents are offered new housing, usually miles away in the outer suburbs. The many migrant workers, who have no legal status, get nothing.

Nevertheless there is little opposition, except from a few conservationists and intellectuals. Most people are more than happy to give up their overcrowded, dilapidated hutong housing for a new flat, no matter how distant.

City planners say that when the latest phase of urban renewal is complete only three small areas of hutong housing will remain — two east of the imperial lakes and one on the nearer side, just beyond the Zhenanhai compound for Communist Party leaders — amounting to about three quarters of a square mile.

"It will be a big challenge to preserve the three small areas [that are] the Beijing master plan," said Mao Qizhi, a professor of architecture at



Qinghua University. "For the rest, I think it will be hopeless."

Opinions differ on what the end of the hutongs means for Beijing. Some welcome it as a sign of progress. Others condemn it as the assassination of a culture.

In fact they have been disappearing for a long time, suffering not a swift execution but a "death of a thousand cuts". Their fate was essentially sealed when the Qing Dynasty collapsed in 1911, expelling the mainly Manchu families that occupied them.

The social upheaval of the Cultural Revolution between 1966 and 1976, and the physical damage and refugee influx caused by the devastating 1976 Tangshan earthquake, hastened their demise. The final straw has been China's unprecedented economic growth in the past 15 years, which has made inner-city land too valuable for single-storey houses with gardens and trees.

But everyone agrees that Beijing, which once ranked with Paris, Rome and Istanbul among the world's great cities, will never be the same once the hutongs are gone.

No more will be heard of the itinerant alley hawkers: the prune-juice seller clicking his interlocking brass cups, the needle and thread man with his little drum, the blind fortune-teller with his gong, and the knife and scissor sharpener with his overlapping metal plates. The secret forest — jujube, willow, poplar, persimmon and cypress — will be gone.

And the world's most horizontal city, where buildings could never be higher than the emperor's throne, will have joined the high-rise world. — Los Angeles Times.

Mexico massacre arrests ignore top-level suspects

Phil Ganson in Mexico City

THE arrest of four former high-ranking officials of the Mexican state of Guerrero has failed to satisfy human rights organisations demanding the identification and prosecution of more senior figures allegedly behind the massacre of 17 unarmed peasants on June 28 last year.

Clarification of the role played by Governor Rubén Figueroa is being demanded. "The four officials being held include the former director of the Guerrero interior ministry and the former operations director for public security. Their arrest, and that of 20 members of the state police, was ordered last week by the special prosecutor, Alejandro Varela.

The four were among those dismissed from their posts after the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) concluded in August that the authorities had engaged in a cover-up, that weapons had been planted on the bodies and that at least one of the peasants had been summarily executed.

The CNDH chairman, Jorge Matrozo — a presidential appointee — pointed out that

the list of officials mentioned in the commission's 360-page report "is much more extensive than these four... there are others who are implicated but who have not been arrested as the CNDH recommended."

The most senior officials mentioned in the CNDH report are the then interior secretary of Guerrero, José Rubén Robles Catalán, and the then state attorney-general, Antonio Alcocer.

Mr Alcocer was dismissed, and Mr Robles Catalán was suspended, but neither has been arrested. The CNDH produced no evidence that Mr Figueroa had broken the law, but the opposition Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD) and some non-governmental human rights groups have blamed him and called for his resignation.

Many of the massacre victims were members of the Peasant Organisation of the Southern Sierra (OCS), who were on their way to a demonstration the governor wanted to prevent.

Mr Varela, however, said there was still no clear indication of who — if anyone — had ordered the killings. Lawyers defending the four officials argue that the police who fired on the peasants

Boycott leaves Nigerians kicking their heels

Abacha's order not to defend the African title could backfire in this football-mad country, Cindy Shiner in Lagos writes

FOR some Nigerians dreams are made in classrooms. For others, like Bashua Oyekami, they are made at the Ifeja Crossway Bridge.

For a couple of hours every day before the sun sets he and about a dozen other youths kick off their rubber flip-flops and gather on a sandy patch of ground by the noisy concrete span. Two sticks worn shirty from use are wedged into the ground at each end. Then they play football. It's a national pastime, an institution in a country under military rule where little can be relied on these days other than individual pride and motivation.

Members of the national

team, the Super Eagles, enjoy hero status. The popular fear is that the refusal by the military ruler, General Sani Abacha, to let the team play in the African Nations Cup Finals that started in South Africa at the weekend could set football in Nigeria back years.

Gen Abacha cited security threats to the team, but many Nigerians believe his decision was motivated by ego and ignorance in an attempt to hit back at President Nelson Mandela for his criticism of the regime after minority rights leader Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others were executed in November for the killings of four Ogoni chiefs.

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News in brief

Bahraini exiles fear expulsion A London-based opposition group said yesterday it fears the Bahraini government is asking Britain to deport people seeking asylum in London from this small island state.

The Bahrain Freedom Movement said high-ranking officials from both countries met in London on Thursday.

Dying shame Shigeo Nishimura, the top investigator into a cover-up of Japan's worst nuclear accident, killed himself out of shame and fear of failure, police and media reports said yesterday. — Reuters.

Call-up in Sudan Sudan's eastern Gaderif state has declared a general mobilisation to confront attacks from Ethiopian troops, the official Sana news agency said yesterday. — Reuters.

Japanese in space Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata gently hoisted a Nasa satellite from the space shuttle's payload bay early yesterday and released it into Earth orbit. — Reuters.

Rabin charges Yitzak Rabin's confessed assassin, Yigal Amir, and two other religious Jews were formally charged yesterday in a Tel Aviv court with conspiring to murder the prime minister. Meanwhile, Israel yesterday appointed Rear Admiral Ami Ayalon, aged 50, as new head of the Shin Bet security service. — Reuters.

Funny money The US has launched a publicity drive, complete with telephone hotline, to convince sceptical Russians that new \$100 bills are genuine and will not render old notes worthless. — Reuters.

“Boost your Metabolism...and Lose Weight”

By Patrick Holford

Most slimmers know the fastest way to lose weight is dieting. But then, as soon as they stop dieting, back come the pounds — often more than they lost in the first place.

That's why dieting is not enough — you have to take an overall approach to slimming, not just eat less. And that's where a new book, *Boost Your Metabolism and Lose Weight* can really help. Here's how author Patrick Holford describes his approach to slimming.

What is Metabolism? "Most diets say that what you eat, less than what you 'burn off' through exercise, ends up as a wedge of fat around your middle. But why do some people eat masses and never seem to put on weight, while others have to survive off almost nothing to avoid the pounds creeping on? The difference is the key to weight loss without starvation — metabolism.

The difference is Metabolism.

The process of turning food into energy is called metabolism. The more energy you can get from food, the faster your metabolic rate. People with fast metabolisms usually have lots of energy, often eat a lot, but never seem to put on weight. It's as if they have a fast-burning 'food stove' that needs constant stoking. Overweight people tend to have a slow metabolic rate. Their slow burning fire needs only the occasional wood to keep it going, and consequently they have less energy and have to watch what they eat.

How to raise your Metabolic Rate

"The importance of raising metabolic rate has been known for many years to be the most effective way to losing weight... this book tells you how to raise your metabolic rate... the only side effects you are likely to experience are increased vitality, better sleeping patterns, improved diges-

tion and a sharper memory."

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- The BLISS Exercises: if you don't do much exercise, as little as 15 minutes three times a week is enough to make a difference to your metabolic rate.

Long Term Results, not Short-Term Miracles

Don't expect to lose a stone in a month. Instant weight loss usually means long-term weight gain, because dieting usually slows down your metabolic rate. But, if you follow the programme set out by Patrick Holford in *Boost Your Metabolism and Lose Weight*, you can expect to lose weight — steadily and surely. Remember, it is much better to lose a pound a week, and keep it off, rather than a pound a day and put it back on.

To order your copy of *Boost Your Metabolism and Lose Weight* send your name, address and book title with payment (cheque or Visa/Access with expiry date) of £9.95 which includes postage and handling to Carrell plc, Dept. BYM, Alresford, nr. Colchester, Essex CO7 8AP, or telephone their 24 hour order line on 01206 825600 (quoting reference BYM).

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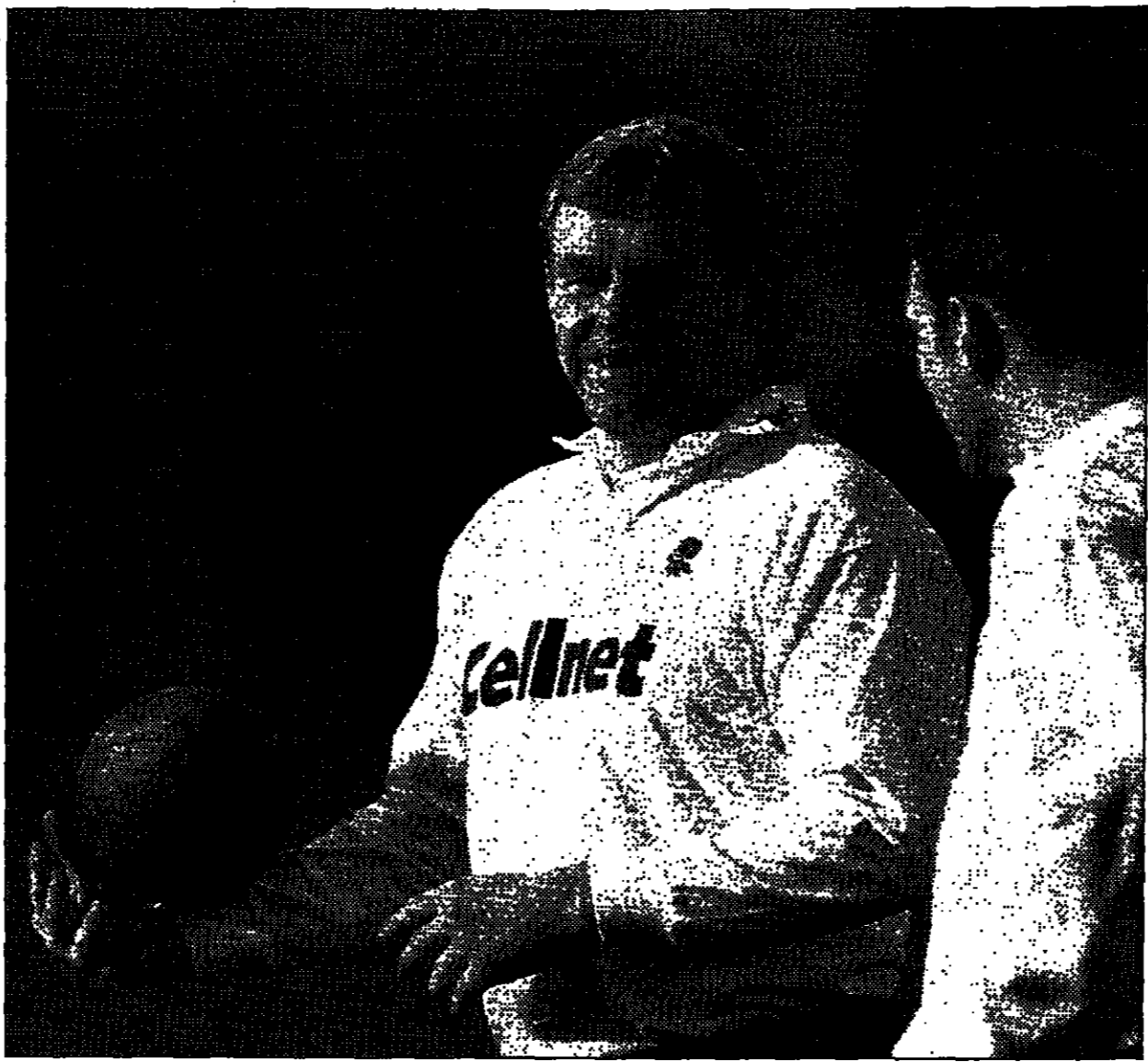
The awful thing is that so deep are the values that underpin these customs, most people — even women — don't think they are doing the wrong thing. And as we in the West get more covetous of business opportunities, we are less inclined to get them to take action.

Rugby Union

Robert Armstrong on the inspirational forward whose England career may benefit from an unexpected extension

Richards in the squad for Paris

DEAN RICHARDS may return to the England team for next Saturday's Five Nations opener against France in Paris. The 32-year-old Leicester No. 8, who might have thought his England career had ended with his last international appearance in the World Cup play-off against France last June, has won an unexpected recall by the manager Jack Rowell to provide short-term cover for the injured back-row forwards Tim Rodber and Ben Clarke.



Back on the beat... Richards is the Leicester policeman the French always hate to find on duty PHOTOGRAPH TOM JENKINS

League Two: London Irish 21, London Scottish 20

Dead-eye Corcoran gives Irish an added kick

Robert Armstrong

MICHAEL CORCORAN was the toast of Sunbury with seven penalty goals that dented Scottish, pushed Irish into second place in League Two, and enhanced his position as top points scorer in English rugby.

ods, and held the lead for nearly an hour yet they were well and truly mugged. Perhaps someone should give their forwards tips on how to avoid conceding penalties on the edge of their own 22.

Corcoran, a former footballer with Chelsea and Crystal Palace, has an ispelegant technique which involves a low crouch and a bottom wick but he drills home his kicks expertly. A senior buyer for a pet-food company, he devotes his spare hours to kicking practice with a teenage helper who fetches and carries balls three nights a week.

From time when they failed to go out to a victory in Clive Woodward, their coach, need not have worried: when Scottish failed to release the ball near the left touchline Corcoran whacked over a 28-metre penalty to clinch victory.

"Our future is in our own hands," said Woodward. Clearly Irish have the crowd appeal, up-to-date facilities and commercial back-up to succeed in a professional League One. On Saturday the 6,000 attendance caused the kick-off to be put back 15 minutes.

Scottish exploded defensive lapses with cleverly worked tries by Nick Robinson in the 13 and 33rd minutes. Eight minutes from time a third try by Gavin Thompson appeared to settle it but Ian Stent's second failure to convert from a wide angle was to prove costly.

Hockey

GB win twice

Pat Rowley

ROB THOMPSON, the hall Hounslow centre-forward, scored his first international hat-trick as Great Britain beat Malaysia 5-1 at Bisham yesterday to complete a weekend double over a team who will be one of their seven rivals at this week's Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona.

1-0, the corner specialist Calum Giles converting the second of Britain's two corners. It took some time to gain supremacy over the Malaysia defence in both games but yesterday an 11th-minute goal helped Fordham come forward from defence to combine with his inside-right John Shaw and set up Thompson, who used his long reach to deflect the ball high into a top corner of the Malaysia goal.

Tennis

Limping Seles has her limits exposed

David Irvine in Melbourne

LOSING has always been more painful to Monica Seles than injury. So it was typical that, in circumstances which might well have persuaded some to roll over or quit, she fought on with a pulled groin muscle to save a match point and beat Lindsay Davenport 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the Peters International final in Sydney yesterday.

competitive action since the US Open. "I knew it was the day's only love game." A blistering forehand winner denied the No. 4 seed her match point at 6-5 in the tie-break but it was not until 2-2 in the third that Davenport, whose deep, heavy ground-strokes forced Seles into repeated errors, suddenly revealed her growing nervousness with two double faults which left her trailing 2-3.

Davenport served for the title at 8-4. It was in fact the day's only love game. Seles was relieved nevertheless to see that the biggest hitters - notably Davenport, Brenda Schultz-McCarthy and the defending champion Mary Pierce - are in Concetta Martinez's half of the Open draw.

So too is Britain's No. 1 Clare Wood, who faces Martinez after a 6-4, 6-1 win over a young unranked Queenslandian. Lisa McShea, in the final round of qualifying here yesterday, saw a see-saw encounter finally went Wood's way when she held for 5-4 in the first set after a 20-point game in which McShea had three break-points.

Boxing

Lucky punch saves Wharton

Jack Mearns

HENRY Wharton had a hellish night in Halifax. Comprehensively outboxed by the Italian southpaw Vincenzo Nardello, he seemed unable to avoid a punch during the opening four rounds.

loped out for the sixth. Nimble skirting the referee, Wharton ran into the Italian's corner and threw a haymaking left which opened a gaping cut on Nardello's unprotected right eye. End of fight. Wharton remains on course for a rematch with Nigel Benn for the WBC title, but he should forget it. His status-quo start against Benn was ascribed to nerves, but against the light-hitting Nardello, a late substitute for Frederic Seillier of France, that excuse does not wash.

Table Tennis

Lomas wins Atlanta trip but Syed misses out in rumpus

Richard Jago

LISA LOMAS earned a ticket to Atlanta but Matthew Syed missed out at the Olympic qualifying competition in Manchester after achieving the best win of his career on Saturday and then losing yesterday when his final opponent was reinstated after an umpire

tried to disqualify him. Lomas won seven times in her first eight matches but Syed narrowly failed to join her at the Games after beating Jorgen Persson, the former world champion, and becoming involved in a controversy with Zoltan Batorfi.

dismissal. But the Italian referee Antonella Flori overruled the decision. "Batorfi spoke in German and I wasn't sure his language warranted a red card," she said. Batorfi got a yellow card instead and then hit three edges in squeezing to his 25-23, 21-18, 15-21, 20-22, 21-19 win and a place at the Olympics.

trouble. It occurred at 20-20 in the fourth game and the Hungarians, disputing the point, protested vigorously. "They accused Matt of cheating which was out of order," said the British captain Donald Parker. Chen Xiaohua was red-carded for illegal coaching in the fourth game; in the second a Hungarian coach had similarly been ejected.

League One: Orrell 38, Saracens 13

Saracens put to the sword

Ian Mallin

THE on-pitch fare at Edge Hall Road was like the huge Yorkshire puddings filled with stew that were once served in the clubhouse. Orrell's big pack provided something stodgy and satisfying to warm the home supporters. Nowadays, though, the menu is a lot more exotic.

involve an exchange of personnel and even a ground share at Central Park makes Orrell's future exciting. When Saracens, 6-3 down, won a scrum with the interval approaching, Lee spurned a dropped goal chance and flung a long pass out to Ravenscroft, whose attempted pass to Harries was intercepted by Mason in his own 22. A mazy run carried him 80 yards upfield for the try that turned the game.

Hastings battles wounded knee

SCOTT HASTINGS'S knee seized up in training yesterday, giving Scotland a scare that may last all week.

centre than recall Craig Chalmers at stand-off and switch Gregor Townsend back to centre. Neil Francis (chest infection) and Simon Goughagan (groin strain) were excused training with Ireland yesterday but both should be fit to play at Lansdowne Road.

Basketball

Cadle takes two steps to heaven

Robert Pryce in Birmingham

KEVIN CADLE won the London Towers on Saturday and then proposed marriage to a soul singer called Peary Gata. It was all live on Sky. Cadle, who has married as early as 18, was as lively as the sun on Saturday.

Skiing

Tomba pipped by Sykora the lowlander

John Samuel in Kitzbühel

ALBERTO TOMBA missed out on a fourth successive slalom win by six hundredths of a second to the 27-year-old Thomas Sykora, skiing as never before for one minute 44.24 seconds here yesterday.

SOUTH AFRICA Dismal English fall to Bafana Bafana effect

Referee to hit...

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SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATE A WEEKEND OF VICTORY

Dismal England fall to Bafana Bafana effect

Mike Selvey in Pretoria

ON SATURDAY the Springbok rugby union captain Francois Pienaar went in an official capacity to the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg to lend his support to Bafana Bafana, the South Africa soccer team...



Cronje gets cracking... South Africa's captain swings into a rapid 47 of two big sixes and one short one

At just under a run a ball, South Africa were cruising. Cronje tried to complete the proceedings in style but was caught by Thorpe at wide long-on for 47 in attempting to reach his half-century with his third six; he very nearly succeeded, too, as the third umpire's video had to be invoked to show that Thorpe had stepped inside the rope by inches. No matter; there were still two overs left when Kalis drove the winning boundary through extra cover.

sell's wonderfully inventive 39 from 19 balls, no one was able to maintain the opening tempo, let alone raise it. Although neither Allan Donald nor Dominic Cork bowled intelligently or well, when the two most vibrant bowlers of their 10 overs each, clearly it is a batsman's game. So if England's bowlers who at fault in Saturday's defeat, letting South Africa out of jail when containment was essential, it was the England batsmen who were negligent here.

Nowhere near sufficient runs were scored. Both Stewart and Smith, who responded to the pace in the pitch and batted easily. But instead of capitalising, Stewart swept Symcox, an innocuous off-spinner, gently to square leg and Smith mistimed the first ball of a new spell from Donald to mid-off.

they have taken ground-fielding - catching, stopping, turning, diving, chasing, retrieving and throwing - to a new level of athleticism. Sri Lanka are to lodge an official complaint with the Australian board about what they feel is unfair treatment from the senior umpire Darrell Hair, who "called" their off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for throwing during the recent Test series.

The tale of two defeats

SATURDAY (at Johannesburg) P A J DeFreitas c Donald b Pollock 13... G A Hick b Donald 14... D J Cullinan c Russell b Gough 23... N H Fairbrother not out 47... N Wintour c Cronje b Makhulu 54... D A Napier c Richardson b Donald 10... T R C Rossouw c Cronje b Smith 10... Extras (b7, w7, nb0) 10... Total (for 8, 50 overs) 188... Fall of wickets: 1, 25, 25, 55, 88, 138, 150...

SUNDAY (at Centurion Park) A J Stewart c Cullinan b Symcox 54... R A Smith c Symcox b Donald 53... G P Thorpe c Russell b Symcox 18... W J Cronje c Donald b Donald 32... C White c Donald b Cronje 39... N H Rhodes c Russell b Gough 44... B M Makhulu c Smith b White 44... S M Pollock not out 10... J H Kallis not out 10... Extras (b7, w7, nb0) 10... Total (for 7, 48 overs) 378... Fall of wickets: 103, 138, 158, 174, 210, 245, 269, 280...

Racing

Flagship still on course for Champion bid

Graham Rock

THE Queen Mother Champion Chase has been won twice by eight horses but only one, Badsworth Boy, has taken the championship three times. Viking Flagship, triumphant for the past two years, is on offer at 6-1 with Ladbrokes to complete the hat-trick and punters looking for each-way value at the Cheltenham Festival should be ready when their offices open this morning.

Nicholson's Martin's Lamp is 25-1 for the Champion Chase with Ladbrokes following his defeat by Big Matt in the Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot on Saturday. Conceding 11lb to the winner, he led at a strong pace until headed after the last. The Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham could bring together four winners on Saturday. Hill of Tullow beat Go Gallic at Ascot and will have one more race before the Festival, while at Leopardstown Treble Bob, one of the best novice hurdlers of last season, made a successful debut over fences in the Fitzpatrick's Hotel Group Chase, defeating Minella Lad by six lengths. Dermot Weld intends to run Treble Bob in the Win Electric Chase over the same course and distance on February 4 before choosing between the Sun Alliance and the Stayers' Hurdle. "It will give me another chance to have a look at him over fences, but he's not a very big horse and the hurdle is a distinct possibility," he said yesterday. Jibber The Kibber readily accounted for Air Shot at Warwick and is being considered by Jenny Pitman for the Sun Alliance, as is Avro Anso, successful last year over fences in the Dipper Hurdle at Newcastle. Maurice Camacho, his trainer, is no fan of the Cheltenham race, though, and warned that Avro Anso would be unlikely to win unless the ground was fast. Gordon Richards's high-class novice The Grey Monk, another Sun Alliance possible, will run at Carlisle tomorrow providing the ground is on the easy side. Richards has not yet decided on one of his horses, but owner John Hales intends to make an announcement today about the horse's jockey in future races. It will be a surprise if Richard Dunwoody fails to keep the ride.

Fontwell card with guide to the form

A detailed racing card for Fontwell, listing various races such as 1.15 Quakers, 1.45 Quakers, 2.15 Quakers, etc., with corresponding form guides and tips.

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A detailed racing card for Sedgefield, listing various races such as 12.45 Hound, 1.35 Bardon, 1.55 Ardross, etc., with corresponding form guides and tips.

Southwell (Flat A.W.)

A detailed racing card for Southwell (Flat A.W.), listing various races such as 1.05 Blandford, 1.35 Blandford, 1.55 Blandford, etc., with corresponding form guides and tips.

Raider to hit jackpot again

WITH a carry-over in excess of £114,000, there is sure to be plenty of interest in the Tote Jackpot at Southwell today. One for permutations is Nordan Raider in the fifth race, the Lundy Handicap. She beat Croft Pool in this event last year and her stable's recent return to form is encouraging. Maurice Camacho, trainer of Nordan Raider (8.05), struck with the 10-1 shot Fairy Firefly at Southwell last Friday and followed up with the latter's half-brother Avro Anson at Newcastle on Saturday. There are few jockeys trainers in better form than Henrietta Knight, and she should be on the mark again with Supreme Lady (8.15) at Fontwell. This well-regarded mare survived a last-night blunder to beat the subsequent scorer Silver Shred in good style at Leicester.

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Soccer

Premiership: Manchester Utd 0, A Villa 0

Price of Cole still rising

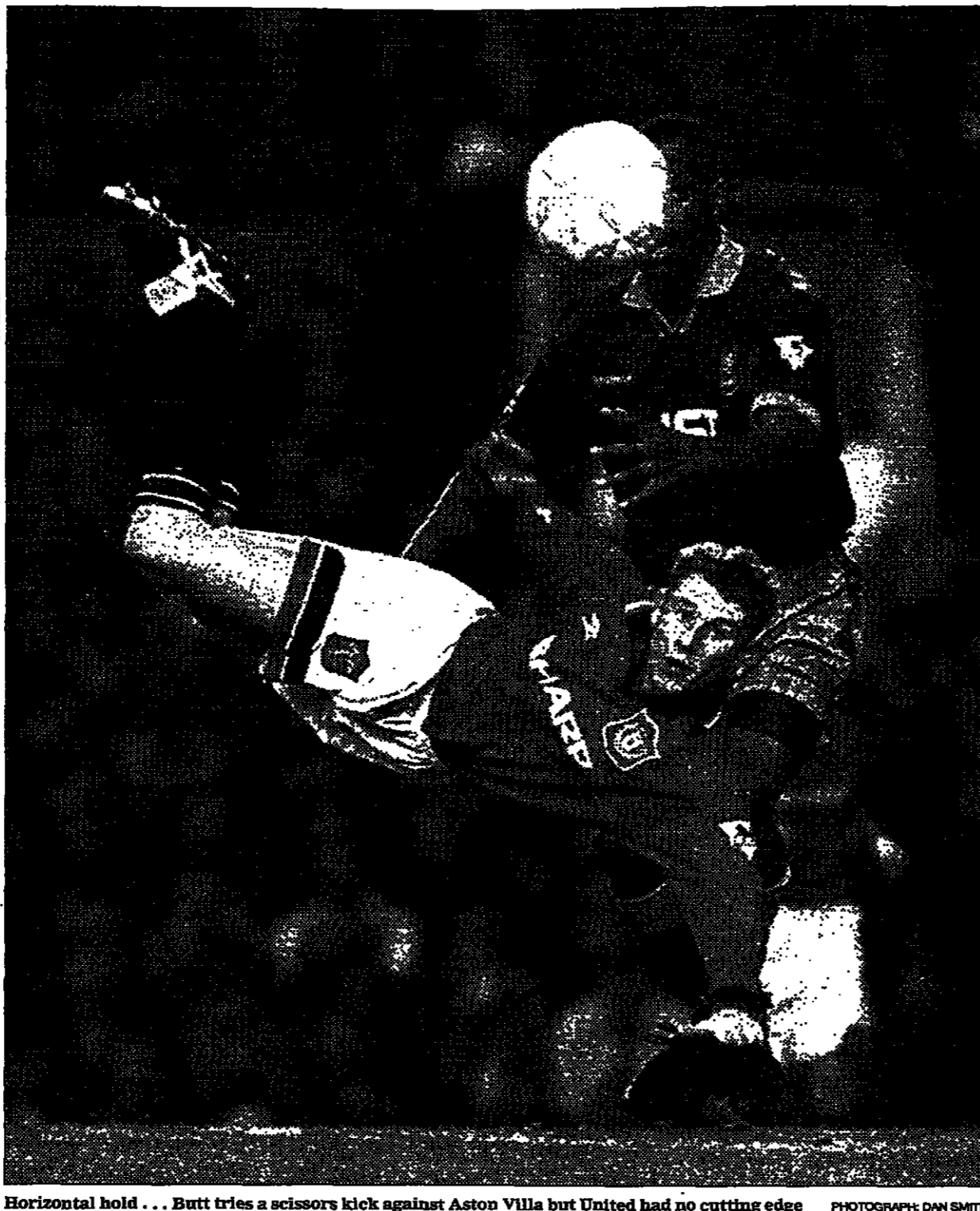
Martin Thorpe

ALEX FERGUSON was counting his frustrations on Saturday evening: Villa's defensive attitude, United's inability to break them down...

the striker's art is tested. When chances are in short supply, a team need someone certain of taking the few that do arrive. Supposedly that is what £5 million buys.

As for the title race, Ferguson admitted: "It's a bad day for the club... Newcastle are now in a points clear with a game in hand and only 16 to play."

Manchester United: Schmeichel, Irwin, G Neville, Bruce, P Neville, Gigg, Butt, Law, Sharpe (Scholes), Tarnani, Carrasco, Cole.



Horizontal hold... Butt tries a scissors kick against Aston Villa but United had no cutting edge

Premiership: Middlesbrough 2, Arsenal 3

Rioch finds Boro a little less rotten

David Hopps

MIDDLESBROUGH was all a-clamour. Does Bryan Robson harbour desires to become England manager? Does the FA really favour him? For Bryan Rioch, who managed the club in bleaker days, it was an unrecognised land.

Middlesbrough's manager parked his car over a manhole cover outside the old ground at Ayresome Park to stop the water being cut off. The ballfests locked the main gates, one home game was played at Hartlepool, but after much heartache the club survived.

also faces suspension after his dismissal a minute from time for elbowing McGowan. Robson is the preferred successor for whom opportunity has come too soon. He will speak to the FA and to Terry Venables this week, and years for a delay.

Juninho sensed Boro's predicament. He played with desperate urgency, a series of committed, solo runs often snuffed out by Arsenal's weight of numbers. But his enthusiasm was twice rewarded: with a first-half equaliser, which he lashed in after Pjortof's back-heel had rebounded off Keown, and a second-half lead when his slick pass was finished off by Stuart Pearce.

SOCCER: Middlesbrough Juninho (8), Stamp (6), Arsenal: Merson (7), Platt (6), Helder (6). Newcastle: Walsh, Liddle, Whelan, Vickers, Pearson, Blackmore, Stamp, Juninho, Pollock (Moore, 40), Barmby, Forrest. Arsenal: Seaman, Doss, Adams, Keown, McGowan, Merson, Platt, Jensen, Helder, Matthews, G. Hill (Fring).

Sheffield Wednesday 1, Liverpool 1

Evans boxed in

Jeremy Alexander

SHEFFIELD Wednesday became a box-holder society on Saturday. This is the stunning answer to Tony Blair. David Pleat wished the newly privileged "an era of exciting football"...

Redknapp was desperately missed; Barnes made Wilkins look direct. But, with the title still open - so every incentive and opportunity - they were all spear-headers without a clear shinning responsibility.

Everton 1, Chelsea 1

Hughes bad news

Ian Ross

HOW bright is your average footballer? Tricky one, this, because any one who can second-guess a defender, these days is lauded as a leader of men. If maturity brings wisdom, though, why do long-toothed players do such ridiculous things?

he did not stamp on the boy," said the Chelsea manager with the paternal loyalty of a creche leader. Hoddle added that shortly after this incident he withdrew the already cautioned Dennis Wise to prevent a second dismissal.

First Division: Millwall 1, Port Vale 2

Russians miss wake-up call

Commentary

David Lacey

NEVER sign a Russian in January, at least not if his best is needed before April. Russian football hibernates from autumn to spring and anything found in between put him in on goal and should have sealed the points.

So although Millwall showed commendable enterprise in leasing Sergei Yuran and Vasili Kulkov from Spartak Moscow, Saturday's anticlimax at the New Den could have been predicted.

Sunderland 0, Norwich City 1

Glorious twelfth for Megson

David Hopps

SO NORWICH CITY can win trophies under Gary Megson. At the 12th minute of asking he finally experienced victory as a manager and did so at the unlikely venue, against a side with designs on moving second in the First Division.

Birmingham City 3, Charlton Athletic 4

Charlton fizz to leave Fry frazzled

Paul Weaver

THIS was Birmingham's 19th game of the season - not counting 10 pre-season friendlies - and lethargic legs probably think it is Easter, with hols in Marbella just round the corner.

Queens Park Rangers 0, Blackburn Rovers 1

Shearer's striking keeps Blackburn sort of stirring

Mark Redding

THE corpse had been wheeled into the mortuary, the refrigerator doors had swung back, then, just as the champions were about to be consigned to oblivion, from under the winding-sheet came an alarming snore. Now the champions are alive and kicking again and moving up the Premiership in ominous fashion.

Tottenham Hotspur 1, Manchester City 0

Spurs raised by Armstrong

Russell Thomas

GERRY FRANCIS has ruled out taking on the world, only to find Europe returning to him. Even for a man who describes himself as "a reluctant manager", the prospect is unthinkable.

SOCCER: Tottenham Hotspur: Armstrong (6min), Tottenham: Walters, Austin, Nicholls, Mabbutt, Edithrow, Campbell, Dossell, Rosenthal, Armstrong, Shearer. Queens Park Rangers: Immet, Sumner, Baines, Jones, Platt, Taylor, Brown, 20, Fitzrot, Longman, Broad (Parker, Quinn).

Blackburn Rovers: Shearer (77min), Queens Park Rangers: Sommer, Bardsley, McDonald, Vass, Cahill, Ince, Goodridge, 75, Williams (Maddis, 84), Gansler, Brazier (Nisley, 8-4), Sinclair, Allen.

Shearer diplomatically, "But I signed a three-year extension to my contract last summer and my only aim is to help Blackburn win the FA Cup and finish as high as we can in the league this season." Which made him sound like Bryan Robson trying to pretend he was not interested in the England job.



Soccer

England go for Robson

Boro manager is FA target, reports Martin Thorpe

THE Football Association will today begin the search for a new manager... Bryan Robson to become the next manager of England...

This, he explained, became clear after a December 16 meeting... Noel White of Liverpool, who along with two other committee members had expressed disquiet at the legal and business allegations made against Venables to that point...

Celtic stay in title chase

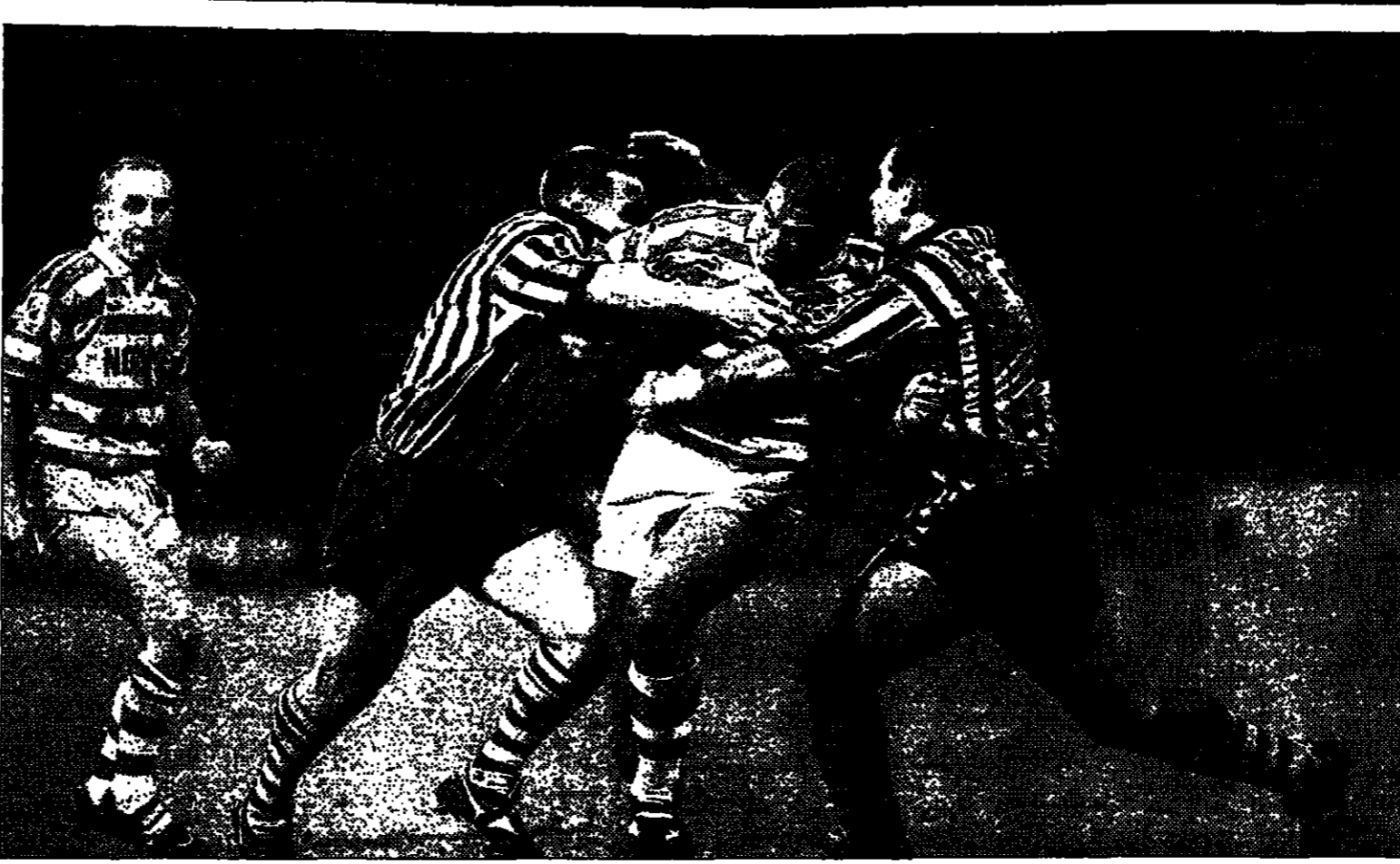
Patrick Glenn

CELTIC, still dreaming of their first Premier Division championship for eight years, beat Aberdeen 2-1 at Pittodrie yesterday to close to five points behind Rangers with a match in hand...

Hoojdonk accepted Thom's centre to score his 10th goal in as many games with a powerful left-foot shot from 12 yards. With the score 2-1 the referee Tom McCurry needed treatment after being struck on the head by an object thrown from the crowd...

A second-half charge brought goals from Collins and Thomson in a killing five-minute burst... Collins rounded off a scintillating move between Donnelly, Thom and O'Donnell; Van

RUGBY LEAGUE: REGAL TROPHY FINAL



Carry on regardless... Wigan's powerhouse centre Tuigamala, scorer of the game's opening try, is briefly delayed by Newlove and Joynt. MICHAEL STEELE

Paul Fitzpatrick sees Wigan beat St Helens 25-16 in a vibrant match where errors were ruthlessly punished

Young ones do Saints proud

JOHN JOYNER, the Castleford coach, nixed his doubts last week about the effect that the 10-metre rule is having upon the game.

He is concerned that the additional freedom now enjoyed by the players is leading to a devaluation of the try, the game's hard currency. Too many matches are producing too many points.

Saturday's Regal Trophy final at Huddersfield's McAlpine Stadium provided a timely retort to Joyner's argument. If the 10-metre rule can produce games as compelling as this, there cannot be much wrong with it.

With the advent of Super League in March, there is no saying where, if at all, the Regal Trophy will fit into the new scheme of things. But if it was the end, it was a success of the richest kind.

It also held the promise of a bright dawn. St Helens showed here, with a side heavily dependent on men in their teens and early twenties, that they are not too far short of Wigan's standards.

Greame West, the Wigan coach, welcomed that. It was Wigan's objective, he said, to remain the game's front runners come Super League but performances of this quality from St Helens augured well for the game's overall health.

Anthony Sullivan, Wigan's 19-year-old hooker Keiron Cunningham, took the Man of the Match award and two others, the winger Joey Hayes and the full-back Steve Prescott, must have run close in the voting.

What with that and his late disqualification for using his elbow on Simon Haughton, it was a mixed afternoon for Gibbs, who otherwise had an outstanding game.

There was no argument, though, about the chief architect of Wigan's victory. Had the Man of the Match votes been collected at the end of the game, the award would almost certainly have gone to the 21-year-old Kiwi stand-off Henry Paul.

He seems to be made, as John Arlott once said of Clive Gray, a game breaker who goes into any situation, "How they can keep him out of the New Zealand squad is beyond me."

Imagination to outwit their opponents' defence again and Paul's late try gave Wigan the trophy for the eighth time in nine final appearances.

After the match West publicly questioned why Paul cannot command a regular place in New Zealand's international side. "Henry is a game breaker when he goes into any situation," the Wigan coach said. "How they can keep him out of the New Zealand squad is beyond me."

The man of the hour himself was taking it as it came. "It wasn't a vintage Wigan game," he said. "But some times you have to pick up scraps to survive. We did that and came up smiling. Saints didn't. Defensively, our hearts were in our mouths at times."

Wigan looked every inch Division champions at Wakefield, where they ran in five tries to one, and Keighley's 14-8 win over Batley gave them the runners-up spot.

Workington will take the wooden spoon. They lost 20-12 to Oldham. The Wigan Park even though tries from Marwood and Fawcett after the interval revived their hopes. Lord, Maloney, Crompton and Bradbury got Oldham's tries.

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SportsGuardian

GIFT GOAL FOR WATSON TAKES LEADERS NINE POINTS CLEAR

Premiership: Coventry City 0, Newcastle United 1

Newcastle step on the throttle

David Lacey

NEWCASTLE United yesterday achieved their most significant win of the season with one of their least impressive performances.

Their defeat of Coventry City, ground out over shifting sands at Highfield Road, owed more to sound defending than attacking inspiration.

Nevertheless Kevin Keegan's team are now nine points ahead at the top of the Premiership with a match in hand over their immediate pursuers. If Manchester United and Tottenham are waiting for Newcastle to hit a losing streak they may, on this evidence, wait in vain.

Should the run of five away league games without a win, which was ended by Steve Watson's goal a minute before half-time yesterday, turn out to be Newcastle's bad patch, then by the spring St James' Park will surely be celebrating its first championship for 69 years. However far they fall below form, Newcastle rarely come away from a match without something.

"We didn't play well," Keegan conceded, "but at the end of the day it's a massive three points for us. At the moment our destiny is in our own hands."

The extra depth of playing strength that shortened the odds against Newcastle winning the title this time is now serving Keegan well. Yesterday he lacked Howey in de-

fence as well as Gillespie on the right flank, but his team retained their shape and discipline and Coventry, for all their determination, were chasing the game once they had fallen behind.

A surge over Christmas and the New Year had eased the gloom gathering over Ron Atkinson's side, but Coventry remain wedged into the anxious pack of teams clinging to the lower rungs of the table.

For sheer effort they probably deserved a point, but once they had to score it became a distant hope.

Football played on a lumpy mixture of mud and sand will rarely develop an even pattern and Newcastle's passing lacked its familiar fluency, despite another exhibition of art and industry from Beardsley.

Newcastle's better performances came from their full-backs Barton and Beresford, who denied Dublin and Whelan a regular service of decent centres, and from their central defenders Albert and Peacock, who were rarely disturbed by the two Coventry strikers.

The match struggled to hold the attention. Co-ordinated movements from either side were few. An early header by Barton, from a shrewdly angled cross by Beardsley, tested Ogrizovic's reflexes, and Peacock cleared the ball from Newcastle's goalmouth after a shot from Salako had ricocheted off Srnicek, but by and large the crowd had to generate its own excitement.

Seven minutes before half-time Srnicek underhit a clear-

ance low over the halfway line to Richardson, who nodded it straight back to Dublin. With the goalkeeper off his line, Dublin tried a snap-shot from 40 yards and was unlucky to see the ball sail wide.

This reinforced the feeling that if the afternoon was going to be spared a scoreless draw somebody would have to make a fundamental error. And after 44 minutes Salako obliged.

Ginola tried to open up the right flank with a curling crossfield pass of medium height. Salako attempted to intercept it by sticking up a foot but merely laid the ball into the path of the advancing Watson, who strode through an inviting gap and beat Ogrizovic with a cool finish.

It was Watson's third goal of the season and the first he had scored against anyone other than Liverpool. "It was a bad mistake," said Atkinson glumly, "and it might have a big effect on our league position at the end of the season."

Newcastle's top scorer, Williams, was pushing forward more frequently, Coventry carried the game to Newcastle for much of the second half. A lively eight minutes from Ndlovu kept their optimism alive but Keegan's defence, frequently augmented by Ferdinand and Beardsley, always gave Srnicek good protection.

Coventry City: Ogrizovic, Pickering, Bush, Shaw, Hall, Taylor (Ndlovu, Sonni), Richardson, Williams, Salako, Dublin, Whelan.
Newcastle United: Srnicek, Barton, Peacock, Albert, Beresford, Watson, Lee, Clark, Ginola, Beardsley, Ferdinand.
Referee: P. Jones (Loughborough).



Highfield highball... Williams (left) and Lee in aerial combat PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE MORTON

Rump kicks back to land RFU in chaos

Frank Keating sees a schism loom in Birmingham over professionalism

CORRECTION: Rugby union in England has not yet turned professional — official. The RFU's special general meeting, held in a packed Conference Centre at Birmingham, sensationally broke up last evening to shouts of "shambles" and "chaos" as a dozy rump of the rank and file dug in their reactionary heels.

A new meeting will be convened, "if possible within the next six weeks," said an obviously shocked Tony Fallett, the RFU secretary. In theory, self being ordered by its membership to break away from the International Rugby Board — and so set in train another great rugby schism 101 years after the first.

England's handful of swank senior clubs, already disenfranchised anyway, may be persuaded to escape these minor encumbrances in the sticks and break away, rather as the Premier League has done in soccer.

It was a thoroughly embarrassing day for the RFU. Its committee's unanimous nominee as chairman of the executive committee, John Jeavons-Fellows, was roundly beaten by Cliff Brittle, the Isle of Man tax exile who represents Staffordshire RFU. The vote of 647 to Brittle and only 332 to Twickenham's nominee must be seen in the circumstances as a catastrophic landslide.

In the event, the wider issue overwhelmed this clash of personalities. The meeting was called in the first place to steer the game into the 21st century. Might yesterday have begun a move to put it back into the 19th? One doubts it. But with yesterday's reaction, well, you never know.

The vote for Brittle had at once been obvious and an important pointer towards the obvious rumblings of provincial and parochial feelings, but once these were articulated the presumption was that the rest of the agenda — Twickenham's blueprint — would be nodded through with just the odd growl. Yet the apoplexy grew ever more palpable.

"This meeting is an utter shambles," said one backwoodsman to fevered applause. "I've never known such utter unprofessionalism," said another. "What will those money-grubbing England players think of that then?" said one highly satisfied buffoon as he got into his top-of-the-range Rover to drive home.

To be sure, the RFU president Bill Bishop, who chaired the meeting, had an immensely uncomfortable day. "It is totally unacceptable to us that any of you think we are trying to hoodwink you," he pleaded to unbelieving gruffness. A questionnaire has been circulated to all clubs itemising proposed changes and it must be returned to the RFU by February 7.

"Democracy has taken place and the membership has been allowed to speak," said the grey-coiffed, dark-suited and *tres distingué* Brittle. "It is vital now to define the future in the shortest possible time — realising, however, that quick fixes usually bring long-term problems."

"It will be not in the least difficult for me to chair a committee which has opposed me. The vital thing is to take the game forward."

But what would happen if this next meeting demanded that the English game should stay totally amateur? "We will solve that if and when the issue arises."

Cronje caught out but England lose

ENGLAND lost to South Africa by seven wickets in Pretoria yesterday to go 3-1 down in the seven-match one-day series.

The defeat again exposed England's bowling deficiencies after Alec Stewart (64) and Jack Russell (39) helped them to 273 for eight from their 50 overs.

South Africa's batsmen simply pulverised England in reply, the openers Gary

Kirsten (116) and Andrew Hudson (72) piling up 156. The rest of the top order carried on from there and victory eventually arrived with two overs to spare.

Graham Thorpe exacted a measure of revenge on Hansie Cronje after the English batsman's controversial run-out in the final Test at Newlands. On that occasion South Africa's captain persuaded the umpire to ask for a television

replay. Yesterday Thorpe caught Cronje on the boundary and immediately called for the third umpire — the very action which caused Cronje to be docketed half his match fee — when Wilf Driedicks signalled a six, believing that a foot had strayed over the boundary rope.

Driedicks duly signalled for the TV replay to adjudicate and Cronje was eventually given out.

Ray Illingworth was dissatisfied with England's performance. "I am not happy," he said. "We still made mistakes, and we gave them too many four balls again."

"We didn't bowl as many balls and wickets as we did in Johannesburg yesterday but we have to get these four balls out of our system."

Mike Selvey, page 13

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Across

- Heavy fuels in great volume (8)
- Unsatisfactory tip causing disgust (6)
- Burlington House in decline — such a comedown! (8)
- Decline to accept a vehicle that's quite sound (6)
- Cutting or bearing with audience (8)
- Don't forget to phone again (6)
- Bill promises to pay after repair, being dishonest (10)
- Widely available vegetables? (5,5)
- Tell tales at entering races against the French (6)
- A split personality (8)
- The type with an inclination towards the right (6)

Down

- Not the accommodation for down-to-earth travellers! (3-5)
- Some would cosset terriers like this breed of dog (6)
- A fan heard ten different versions (8)
- Mavis's infantile complaint (6)
- Flags surround the pupils (6)
- It's a moving experience, viewing animals in the wild (6)
- Well the fellow just doesn't want to work! (10)
- Falling about lake or city in Italy (6)
- Make up to a crude instructor (8)
- A large number want on a diet when without engagements (8)

Solution tomorrow

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